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# **Custer County Economic Overview**

2,217 Civilian Labor Force (Dec 2022) Unemployment Rate (Dec 2022) 2.6% Population (2021) 4,428 Median Household Income (2021) \$47,663 \$48,718 Per Capita Personal Income (2020) Poverty Rate (2021) 15.1%





# 1. Custer County Demographic Characteristics, 2021 5-Year ACS

	Custer County	Custer County (%)	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)	
Total Population	4,273	100.0%	1,811,617	329,725,481	
Race and Ethnicity					
White alone, not hispanic	4,160	97.4%	86.5%	68.2%	
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	4	0.1%	0.7%	12.6%	
Native American alone, not hispanic	295	6.9%	1.3%	0.8%	
Asian alone, not hispanic	41	1.0%	1.4%	5.7%	
Hispanic, or Latino (of any race)	197	4.6%	12.9%	18.4%	
Gender					
Male	2,277	53.3%	50.4%	49.5%	
Female	1,996	46.7%	49.6%	50.5%	
Age					
Median age	53.4	-	36.8	38.4	
Under 18 years	723	16.9%	25.3%	22.5%	
Over 18 years	3,550	83.1%	74.7%	77.5%	
21 years and over	3,256	76.2%	65.4%	68.3%	
Over 65 years	1,424	33.3%	15.8%	16.0%	
Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and Over)					
Less than 9th grade	92	2.2%	2.2%	3.3%	
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	934	21.9%	18.7%	18.2%	
Some college, no degree	755	17.7%	16.4%	13.4%	
Associate's degree	249	5.8%	7.0%	6.1%	
Bachelor's degree	770	18.0%	14.0%	14.7%	
Graduate or professional degree	125	2.9%	7.3%	9.5%	
Median Household Income	\$47,663	-	\$63,377	\$69,021	

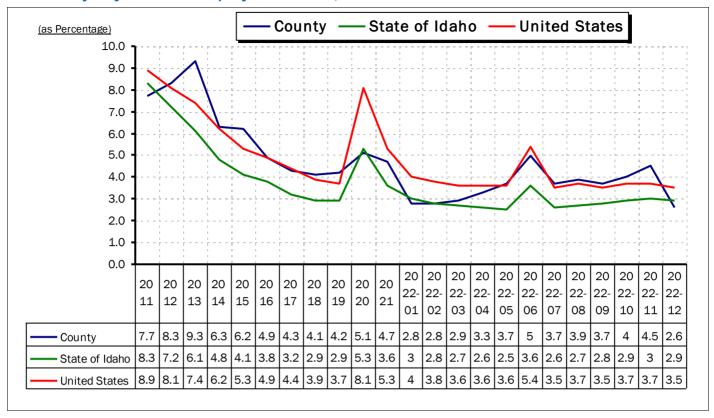
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

# 2. Labor Force Growth, December 2021 to December 2022

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	<b>Unemployment Rate</b>
December 2022	2,217	2,160	57	2.6%
December 2021	2,233	2,157	76	3.4%
YoY % Change	-0.7%	0.1%	-25.0%	-0.8%

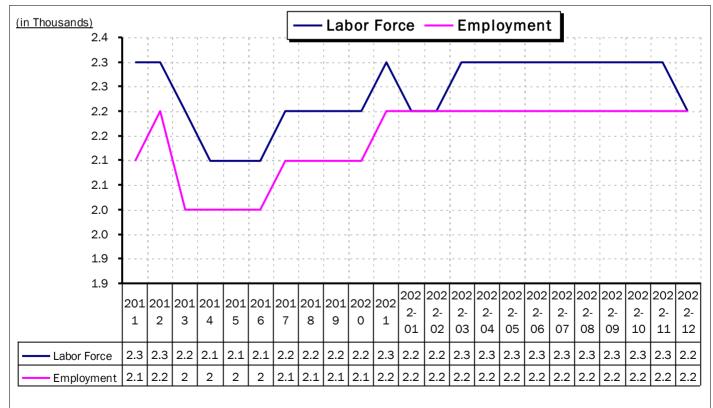
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

# 3. Seasonally-Adjusted Unemployment Rate, 2011 to December 2022



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### 4. Seasonally-Adjusted Labor Force and Employment, 2011 to December 2022



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# 5. Industry Employment and Wages, 2011, 2020, and 2021

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Supersector	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	1,692	\$36,816	1,490	\$34,366	1,539	\$35,627
Natural Resources and Mining	460	\$65,069	128	\$57,579	117	\$60,114
Construction	57	\$31,768	77	\$32,857	96	\$37,287
Manufacturing	6	\$44,939	21	\$31,333	18	\$33,188
Trade,Transportation, and Utilities	238	\$24,487	269	\$33,492	277	\$33,783
Information	38	\$39,674	33	\$55,143	36	\$56,306
Financial Activities	48	\$19,638	22	\$31,605	19	\$35,103
Professional and Business Services	55	\$44,866	56	\$38,561	53	\$32,282
Education and Health Services	231	\$20,083	234	\$25,755	247	\$25,993
Leisure and Hospitality	265	\$14,146	364	\$25,007	391	\$27,118
Other Services	26	\$12,050	35	\$16,458	31	\$21,861
Public Administration	262	\$41,341	244	\$46,142	246	\$49,412

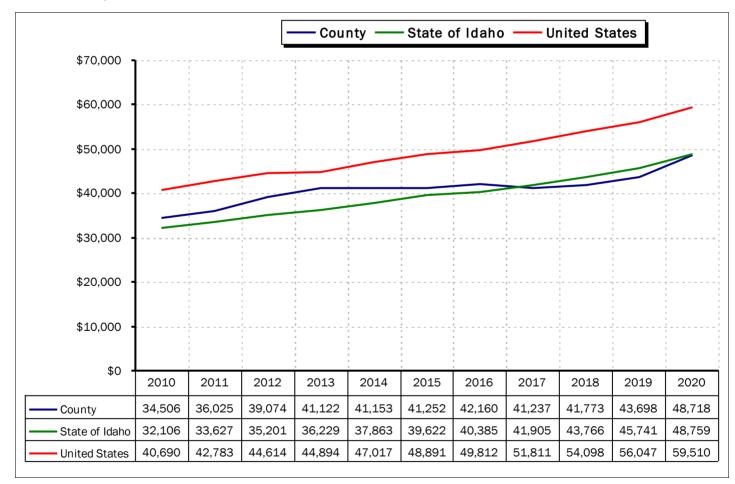
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

#### 6. Top Employers, 2021

Employer	Ownership	Employment Range
U.s. Forest Service	Federal Government	100 - 249
Challis Joint School District	Local Government	050 - 099
Custer County	Local Government	010 - 049
Mackay Joint School District	Local Government	010 - 049
Thompson Creek Mining	Private	010 - 049
Personal Home Care	Private	010 - 049
Redfish Lake Lodge	Private	010 - 049
Mountain Village Resort	Private	010 - 049
Idaho Department Of Fish And Game	State Government	010 - 049
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NOTE: Only employers that have given the Department permission to release employment range data are listed. Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

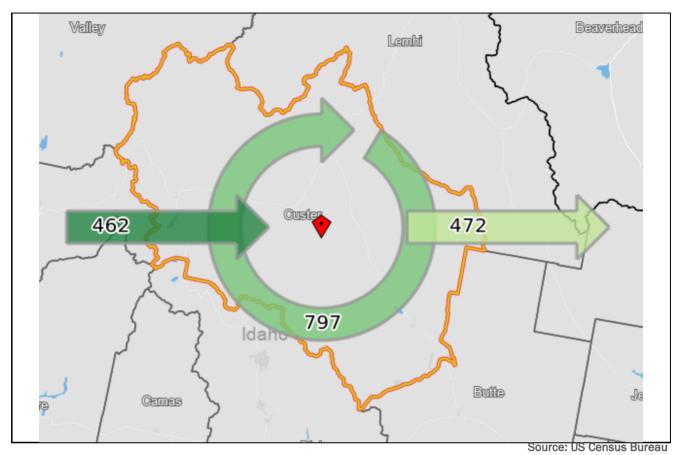
#### 7. Real Per Capita Income, 2010 to 2020



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

#### 8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2019

It is estimated that 797 workers lived and worked in Custer County in 2019. Another 462 workers were employed in Custer County but lived outside, while 472 workers commuted to other counties for work.



# 9. Top 10 Cities Where People Who Work in Custer County Live, 2019

City of Residence	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Challis	195	15.5%
Mackay	88	7.0%
Idaho Falls	29	2.3%
Boise City	24	1.9%
Salmon	24	1.9%
Twin Falls	13	1.0%
Arco	11	0.9%
Nampa	11	0.9%
Stanley	11	0.9%
Lost River	10	0.8%

Note: "All Jobs" includes private and public sector jobs. It also includes a count of workers with multiple jobs. Source: US Census Bureau- Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD)

# 10. Top 10 Cities Where People Who Live in Custer County Work, 2019

City of Employment	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Challis	281	22.1%
Mackay	245	19.3%
Idaho Falls	86	6.8%
Stanley	65	5.1%
Boise City	49	3.9%
Arco	28	2.2%
Meridian	22	1.7%
Salmon	15	1.2%
Pocatello	13	1.0%
Jerome	12	0.9%

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